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Dear Melina

Co-operatives Victoria (CV) welcomes the role that SBA has played as a catalyst in supporting initiatives to form a national peak body representing the social enterprise sector in Australia. The CV board fully supports these initiatives to form such a body, as we believe it will provide a strong national voice for the co-operative sector in Australia.

Further, CV believes that it can make an important contribution by representing the views of the co-operative sector in relation to the role, structure and funding of this new body particularly as it impacts on the medium to small co-operative societies and the special groupings which exist within the co-operative sector (eg, agriculture, housing, consumer co-operatives etc.)

We anticipate that you will be establishing a working group to consider all the issues which need to be addressed in setting up a national body, such as criteria for membership, representative structure, funding etc., and we would like to register our willingness to serve as a member of this group.

We await your further advice.

Yours in co-operation

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'David Griffiths'.

David Griffiths
Secretary